

1. K. Leade couragious Cofin.

1. 2. K. Wee'l follow cheerefully.

A great noise within crying, run, save hold:

Enter in hast a Messenger.

Mess. Hold, hold, O hold, hold, hold.

Enter Pirithous in haste.

Pir. Hold hoa: It is a cursed hast you made
If you have done so quickly: noble Palamon,
The gods will shew their glory in a life.
That thou art yet to leade.

Pal. Can that be,

When Venus I have said is false? How doe things fare?

Pir. Arise great Sir, and give the tydings care
That are most early sweet, and bitter.

Pal. What

Hath wakt us from our dreame?

Pir. List then: your Cosen

Mounted upon a Steed that Emily

Did first bestow on him, a blacke one, owing

Not a hayre worth of white, which some will say

Weakens his price, and many will not buy

His goodnesse with this note: Which superstition

Heere findes allowance: On this horse is Arcite

Trotting the stones of Athens, which the Calkins

Did rather tell, then trample; for the horse

Would make his length a mile, if it pleas'd his Rider

To put pride in him: as he thus went counting

The flinty pavement, dancing as t'wer to'th Musicke

His owne hooves made; (for as they say from iron

Came Musickes origen) what envious Flint,

Cold as old Saturne, and like him posselt

With fire malevolent, darted a Sparke

Or what feirce sulphur else, to this end made,

I comment not; the hot horse, hot as fire

Tooke Toy at this, and fell to what disorder

His power could give his will, bounds, comes on end,

Forgets schoole dooing, being therein traird,

And of kind mannadge, pig-like he whines

At

At the sharpe Rowell, which he freats at rather
Then any jot obaies; seekes all foule meanes
Of boystrous and rough Iadrie, to dis-seate
His Lord, that kept it bravely: when nought serv'd,
When neither Curb would cracke, girth breake nor diffring
Dis-roote his Rider whence he gre w, but that (plunges
He kept him tweene his legges, on his hind hooves
on end he stands

That Arcites leggs being higher then his head
Seem'd with strange art to hang: His victorios wreath
Even then fell off his head: and presently
Backward the Iade comes ore, and his full poyze
Becomes the Riders loade: yet is he living,
But such a vessell tis, that floates but for
The surge that next approaches: he much desires
To have some speech with you: Loe he appeares.

Enter Theseus, Hippolyta, Emilia, Arcite, in a chaire.

Pal. O miserable end of our alliance

The gods are mightie Arcite, if thy heart,

Thy worthie, manly heart be yet unbroken:

Give me thy last words, I am Palamon;

One that yet loves thee dying.

Arc. Take Emilia

And with her, all the worlds joy: Reach thy hand,

Farewell: I have told my last houre; I was false,

Yet never treacherous: Forgive me Cosen:

One kisse from faire Emilia: Tis done:

Take her: I die.

Pal. Thy brave soule seeke Elixium.

Emil. Ile close thine eyes Prince; blessed soules be with

Thou art a right good man, and while I live,

This day I give to teares.

Pal. And I to honour.

Thes. In this place first you fought: ev'n very here

I sundred you, acknowledge to the gods

Our thanks that you are living:

His part is playd, and though it were too short

He did it well: your day is lengthned, and,

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